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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on the Adaptive System of School Improvement Support Tools (ASSIST)

Michigan has required all schools to annually submit a three- to five- year school improvement plan since 1990. Until 2008, the only way to access the plan was on paper. With the development of the online school improvement tools through a partnership of the Michigan Department of Education(MDE) and AdvancED, Michigan schools can assess their student and school process and procedure needs, develop a plan to address those needs, monitor implementation of the plan, measure the results in the classroom, and modify the plan for the next school year. For the first time, local and intermediate school districts and MDE staff could view plans across districts.

This year, Michigan schools are moving to a new and improved platform for school improvement planning known as the Adaptive System of School Improvement Support Tools (ASSIST). The new system from AdvancED will help schools with the development of their school improvement plans and provide a mechanism to those serving in local and intermediate school districts or at the state level to aggregate many of the needs of the schools. This will allow support personnel from across the state to make better decisions about resource allocations, professional development, and allow them to review the school's evaluation of the success of the plan.

MDE staff will provide the State Board of Education with an overview of ASSIST.

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